

APPENDIX D
Agency Correspondence



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY GARRISON
810 SCHREIDER STREET
FORT DETRICK, MD 21702-5000
September 20, 2002

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Office of Safety and Environment

Dr. Mamie A. Parker
Regional Director
United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035-9589

Dear Dr. Parker:

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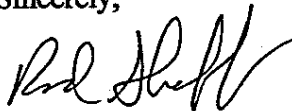
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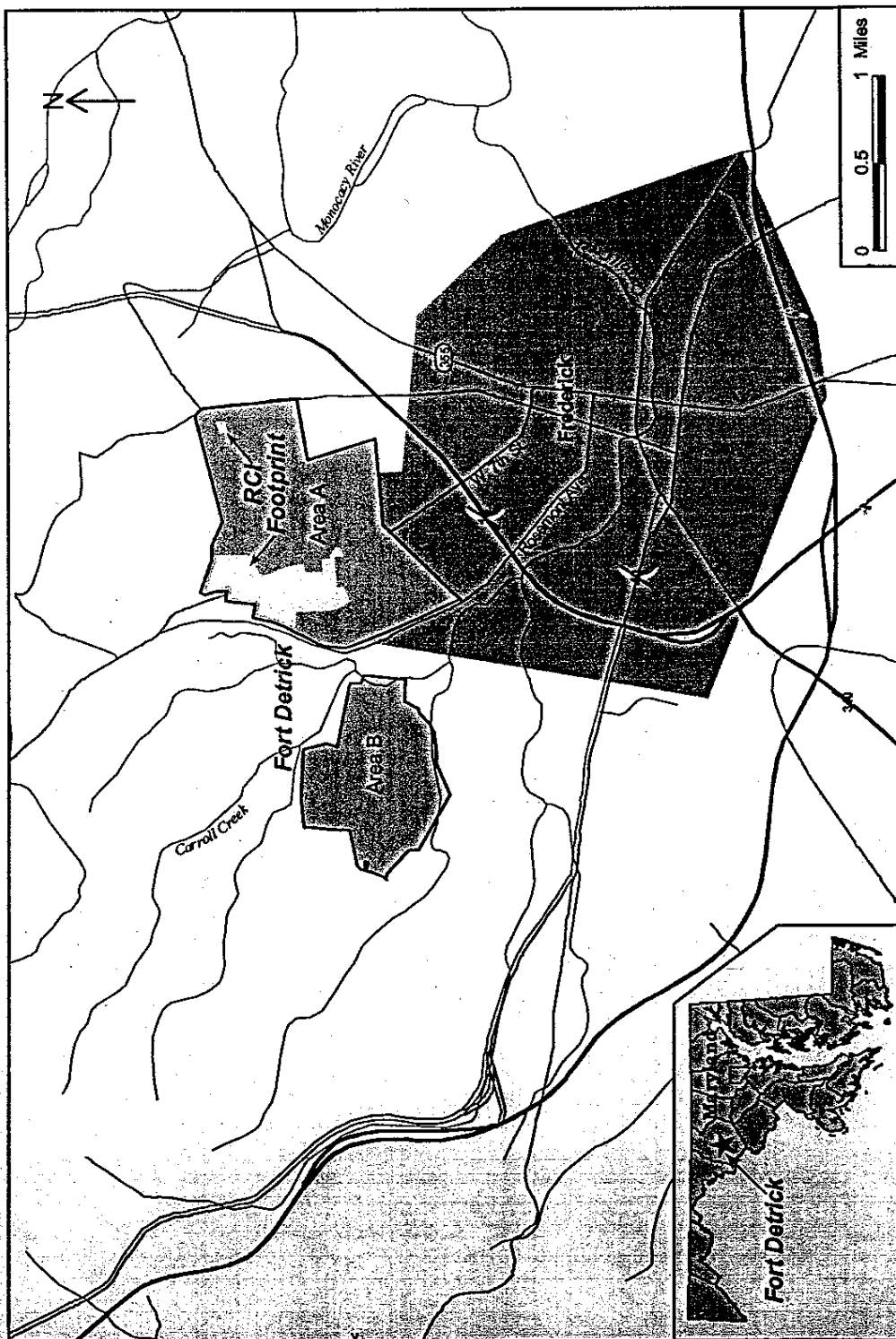
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Rod Sheffer
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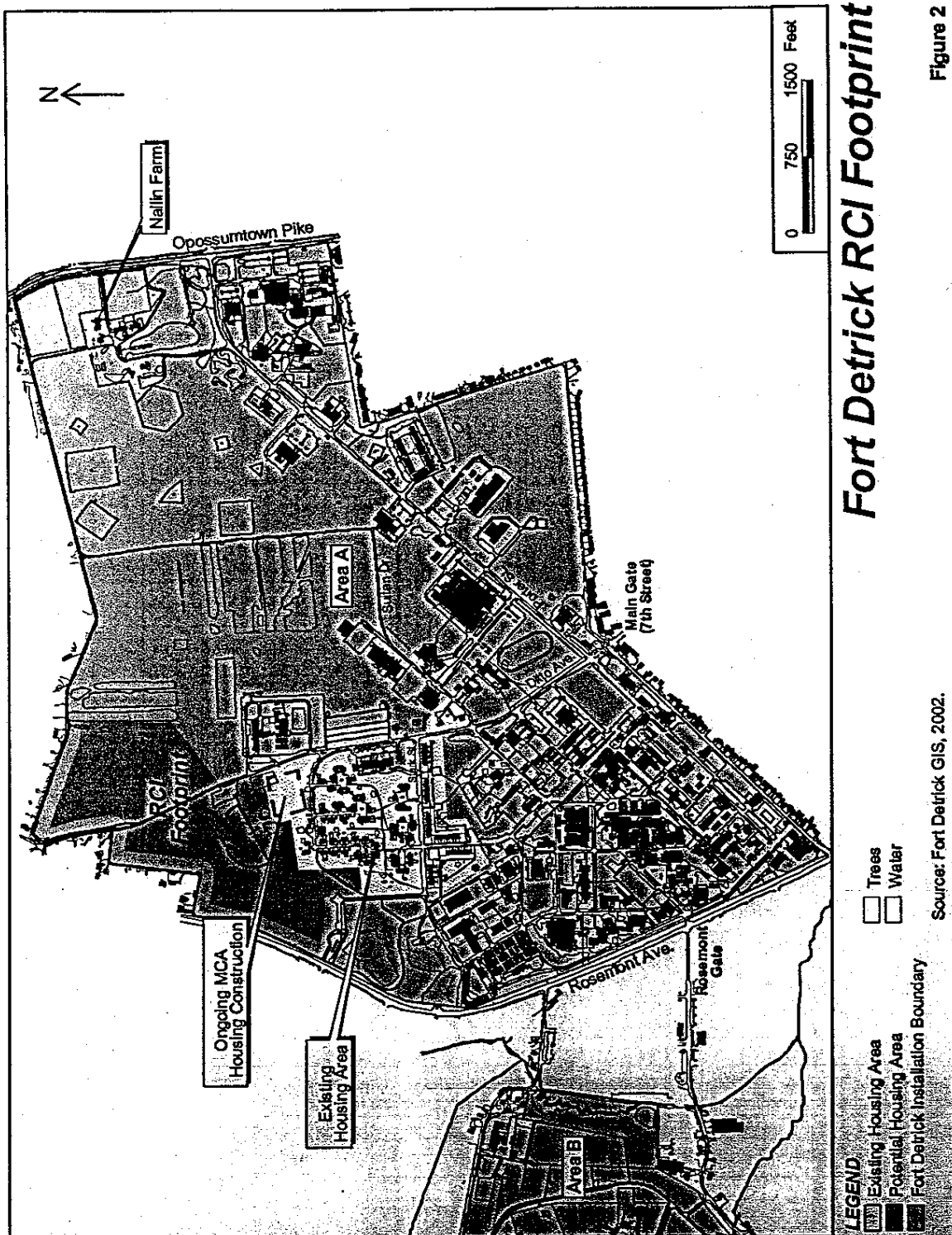


Installation Location

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 [Symbol] Fort Detrick RCI Footprint
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Source: Fort Detrick GIS, 2002.

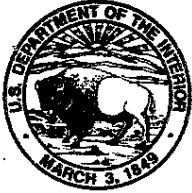
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Fort Detrick RCI Footprint

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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Chesapeake Bay Field Office
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401



October 21, 2002

Mr. Rod Sheffer,
USAG
1500 Porter Street
MCHD-SIE
Fort Detrick, Maryland 21702-5000

RE: September 20, 2002 letter requesting input regarding biological concerns in preparation for an Environmental Assessment for the implementation of the Residential Communities Initiative program at Fort Detrick, Maryland

Dear Mr. Sheffer:

Upon review of the above referenced letter by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), the following comments are submitted in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*) and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

The document introduces the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) program, which will result in the construction of 160 new housing units on 26 acres of open fields on Fort Detrick in Frederick County, Maryland. The fields are located adjacent to 191 existing housing units which will be renovated as part of the RCI. The U.S. Army is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify potential effects to natural resources resulting from the program.

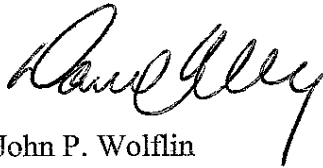
In an effort to preserve open space and associated wildlife habitat, we recommend that Fort Detrick consider clustering development in such a way as to limit destruction to the open field habitat that currently exists on the site. Additionally, we recommend that Bayscaping be incorporated into both the new development and the renovations proposed as part of the RCI. The Service has drafted a document entitled "Conservation Landscaping for Federal Facilities: Guide to Beneficial Landscaping in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed," which can be obtained by contacting the Chesapeake Bay Field Office. This document contains helpful information concerning planting designs that benefit wildlife and the environment which can be used to replace lawns and traditional ornamental plantings.

Except for occasional transient individuals, no Federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction are known to exist in the project impact area.

Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further Section 7 Consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 is required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment during the initial stages of this EA. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Murphy at (410) 573-4521.

Sincerely,



John P. Wolflin
Supervisor

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REPLY TO
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W. Michael McCabe
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

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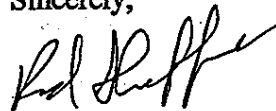
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Maryland Department of the Environment
Technical and Regulatory Services Administration
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Baltimore, MD 21224

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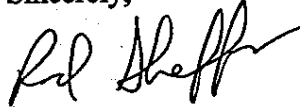
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Office of Safety and Environment

Sarah J. Taylor-Rogers
Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
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Annapolis, MD 21401-2397

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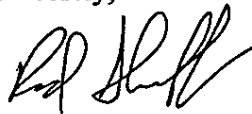
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J. Charles Fox
Secretary

Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend
Lt. Governor

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
October 31, 2002

Karen M. White
Deputy Secretary

Mr. Rod Sheffer
Department of the Army
Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison
810 Schreider Street
Fort Frederick MD 21702-5000

Dear Mr. Sheffer:

This letter is in response to your letter of request, dated September 20, 2002, for Department of Natural Resources review and comment on the proposed Residential Communities Initiative Program at Fort Detrick, Frederick County, Maryland. It is our understanding that the U.S. Army is preparing an Environmental Assessment for implementation of this program.

Fort Detrick is located within the drainage area of Carroll Creek (Middle Potomac River Drainage Area). Carroll Creek and all tributaries are classified as Use III-P waters (Natural Trout and Public Water Supply). Generally, no instream work is permitted in Use III streams during the period of October 1 through April 30, inclusive, during any year.

There are no anadromous fish species documented in Carroll Creek. Additionally, the Department's Fisheries Service has not documented any natural trout populations in Carroll Creek. However, Table IV-2 (attached) lists resident fish species documented in the Middle Potomac River Basin by our Fisheries Service. Many of these species could potentially be found in streams near your project site. These species should be adequately protected by the instream work prohibition period mentioned above, sediment and erosion control methods, and other Best Management Practices typically used for the protection of stream resources.

Our Wildlife and Heritage Service has no records for Federal or State rare, threatened or endangered species within the project site. This statement should not be interpreted as meaning that no rare, threatened or endangered species are present. Such species could be present but have not been documented because an adequate survey has not been conducted or because survey results have not been reported to the Department. However, if the site consists of abandoned fields or is currently being pastured, it may contain habitat for grassland breeding birds. Such birds include Upland Sandpiper, Eastern Meadowlark, Grasshopper Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow and American Kestrel. As such, it is an important parcel because of the declining status of this group of species. Birds that require grassland for breeding are rapidly disappearing from the State as well as the region. For further technical assistance regarding conservation of grassland breeding birds, please contact Mr. Ed Thompson of our Wildlife and Heritage Service at 814-634-5972.

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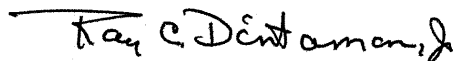
Since it is unclear as to the existence or location of any sensitive areas on the project site, we encourage that this project be considered for design techniques that minimize impacts to any wetlands and conserve existing vegetation. If streams and/or steep slopes occur in the project area, we encourage their protection through vegetated buffers. If this project is planned for a flood prone area, we suggest locating structures as to minimize any impact flooding would have.

Opportunities should be explored to minimize the total impervious area of the project and, if possible, provide stormwater treatment using landscaping and other practices that avoid routing runoff directly into the roadway and the stormwater conveyance system. The goal of stormwater management should be to mimic existing hydrology, thereby retaining water on site. This principle should apply to newly built structures, as well as any rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing housing units.

The Department suggests that parking lot designs minimize overall imperviousness by limiting spaces, minimizing space dimensions, incorporating efficient parking lanes, and using pervious materials wherever possible. Also, wherever possible, we recommend providing stormwater treatment for parking lot runoff using bio-retention areas, filter strips, and/or practices that can be integrated into required landscaping areas. The Environmental Design Program at the Department can be contacted at 410-260-8827 as a resource for environmentally sensitive stormwater management techniques.

If you have any questions concerning these comments, you may contact me at 410-260-8331.

Sincerely,


Ray C. Dintaman, Jr., Director
Environmental Review Unit

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Table IV-2.: Fish Species Collected in the Middle Potomac River Basin,
1974-1984.

Salmonidae	
Brook trout	<u>Salvelinus fontinalis</u> (Mitchill)
Brown trout	<u>Salmo trutta</u> Linnaeus
Rainbow trout	<u>Salmo gairdneri</u> Richardson
Cyprinidae	
Stoneroller	<u>Campostoma ananulum</u> (Rafinesque)
Blacknose dace	<u>Rhinichthys atratulus</u> (Hermann)
Longnose dace	<u>Rhinichthys cataractae</u> (Valenciennes)
Cutlips minnow	<u>Exoglossum maxillingua</u> (Lesueur)
Creek chub	<u>Semotilus atromaculatus</u> (Mitchill)
River chub	<u>Noconis micropogon</u> (Cope)
Fallfish	<u>Semotilus corporalis</u> (Mitchill)
Rosyside dace	<u>Clinostomus funduloides</u> Girard
Common shiner	<u>Notropis cornutus</u> (Mitchill)
Bluntnose minnow	<u>Pimiplahes notatus</u> (Rafinesque)
* Peal dace	<u>Semotilus margarita</u> (Cope)
Catostomidae	
Northern hogsucker	<u>Hypentelium nigricans</u> (Lesueur)
White sucker	<u>Catostomus commersoni</u> (Lacepede)
Ictaluridae	
Margined madtom	<u>Noturus insignis</u> (Richardson)
Brown bullhead	<u>Ictalurus nebulosus</u> (Lesueur)
Cottidae	
Mottled sculpin	<u>Cottus bairdi</u> Girard
Centrarchidae	
Bluegill sunfish	<u>Lepomis macrochirus</u> (Rafinesque)
Smallmouth bass	<u>Micropterus dolomieu</u> Lacepede
Largemouth bass	<u>Micropterus salmoides</u> Lacepede
Rock bass	<u>Ambloplites rupestris</u> (Rafinesque)
Pumpkinseed sunfish	<u>Lepomis gibbosus</u> (Linnaeus)
Longear sunfish	<u>Lepomis megalotis</u> (Rafinesque)
Percidae	
Tessellated darter	<u>Etheostoma olmstedti</u> Storer
Greenside darter	<u>Etheostoma blennioides</u> Rafinesque
Fantail darter	<u>Etheostoma flabellare</u> Rafinesque
Anguillidae	
American eel	<u>Anguilla rostrata</u> (Lesueur)

* Additional fish species collected, 1980-1984.



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Mr. Rodney J. Little
State Historic Preservation Officer
Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

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Fort Detrick proposes to convey all existing family housing units to the Development Entity and grant a 50-year lease of land under all those buildings. Fort Detrick would also lease additional acreage for the Development Entity's use to construct new housing and to operate ancillary supporting facilities. The Development Entity would operate and maintain for 50 years all existing and new family housing and ancillary supporting facilities, including associated parking lots and sidewalks, in accordance with the quality standards established in the Community Development Management Plan.

The Army would convey this property with encumbrances, notices, and requirements obligating the Development Entity to certain actions. Negotiated terms of transfer or conveyance may result in requirements for the Development Entity to maintain the status quo of historic buildings or archaeological sites or may impose a requirement for consultation with the SHPO prior to any actions affecting such resources. The lease would also include a clause placing prohibitions on removing or disturbing, or causing or permitting to be removed or disturbed, any historical, archaeological, architectural, or other cultural artifacts, relics, remains, or objects of antiquity. In the event such items would be discovered, the Development Entity would be required to immediately notify the Installation Commander or his/her designated representative and protect the site and the material from further disturbance until the Installation Commander or designated representative give clearance to proceed.

Two resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for the National Register are located in the project area:

1. Nallin Farm, including the farmhouse (Building 1652) and associated outbuildings, is listed on the National Register. The structures are located in the northeastern portion of the installation. Demolition is not planned for these structures.
2. The Stonewall Jackson Beall historic archaeological site (18FR683) is located at the corner of Ditto Avenue and Sultan Drive. Phase I archaeological work was done at the site, and it was recommended as potentially eligible.

Four of the housing units were built before 1950, including Nallin Farm. Of the installation's entire family housing inventory, 115 were constructed before 1960.

The EA will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality. In accordance with NEPA, an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts (both positive and negative) associated with implementing the Army's proposed action on the existing resources at Fort Detrick and within the study area is required. The EA will assess effects of the transfer of housing, and the leasing of underlying property. No property transfer will occur until SHPO coordination is completed. The No Action alternative will also be identified and evaluated, as required.

Under the process established by NEPA, the Army will provide for participation by members of the public and private sectors to provide input to the Army concerning potential environmental issues associated with implementing the proposed action. Participation includes response to this letter of notification, and comments that you or other interested parties or stakeholders may submit regarding the Draft EA.

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January 17, 2003

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Re: Environmental Assessment (EA) for Implementation of the Residential
Communities (RCI) Program
Fort Detrick, Frederick County, MD (Section 106 Review – ARMY)

Dear Mr. Sheffer:

Thank you for your recent notification regarding the above-referenced project, for review and comment. The Maryland Historical Trust (Trust) has reviewed the information provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. We are writing to provide our comments with regard to effects on historic properties.

We understand that the U.S. Army is proposing to privatize the renovation, construction, and management of housing facilities at Fort Detrick. The Fort Detrick RCI footprint for potential and existing housing has been surveyed to identify its historic and archeological resources. The majority of the RCI footprint does not contain any National Register eligible historic properties, with two exceptions. The RCI area includes the Nallin Farm (Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties [MIHP] number F-3-43 and associated archeological site 18FR684) and the Springhouse & Bank Barn (MIHP# F-3-44), which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, along with the garage and dairy building which are eligible for listing. In addition, the RCI area contains the Stonewall Jackson Beall historic archeological site (18FR683) which may be National Register eligible but requires Phase II archeological evaluation to determine its significance.

The transfer, lease, or sale of property out of federal ownership or control without adequate and legally enforceable restrictions or conditions to ensure long-term preservation of the property's historic significance would constitute an adverse effect on historic properties [36 CFR 800.5 (2)(vii)]. To avoid and reduce the potential for adverse effects from the transfer, the Trust endorses placing protective historic preservation easements on the historic properties at the time of their transfer to private management. Use of the Trust's standard easement for the Nallin Farm property and a preservation covenant for site 18FR683 would result in a no adverse effect determination for the undertaking. If the historic properties were reverted back to federal control, the easements would be lifted. No further consultation with the Trust is required for those portions of the RCI area that do not contain any historic properties.

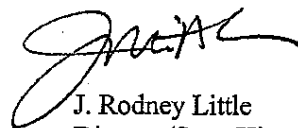


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To facilitate the development of the easement for Nallin Farm, we have enclosed copies of the Trust's procedures for developing an easement, the format for the title certificate, and a sample of our standard deed of easement for your reference. We are currently negotiating a similar easement with the Army to cover the transfer of historic properties at Fort Meade. We look forward to continued consultation with the Army to satisfactorily resolve the historic preservation issues associated with this undertaking.

Thank you for providing us this opportunity to comment. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Beth Cole (for archeology) at 410-514-7631 or Ms. Tania Georgiou Tully (for the historic built environment) at 410-514-7636. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



J. Rodney Little
Director/State Historic
Preservation Officer

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The *Historic Preservation Covenant for Fort Detrick's Housing Units* is provided in Appendix B of this *Check Copy Environmental Assessment for the Residential Communities Initiative, Fort Detrick, Maryland*.

